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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EGEN, EAID, TH, CB
SUBJECT: RICE FOR LAOS

REF: BANGKOK 13876

1. EMBASSY HAS VERIFIED THAT LETTER WAS SENT ON URGENT BASIS SEPTEMBER 7 FROM MIN COMMERCE TO PM REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO SELL GLUTINOUS RICE TO LAOS, AS APPROVED BY CABINET AUGUST 14, WITHOUT U.S. HAVING TO PAY PREMIUM OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL SALES.

2. AMBASSADOR RAISED SUBJECT ON URGENT BASIS WITH PM AT NOON SEPTEMBER 7 AND DCM DID SAME WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. MIN COMMERCE OFFICIAL, APPARENTLY CONVINCED PM WOULD AUTHORIZE SALE, INFORMED ECON/CML COUNSELOR SEPTEMBER 7 THAT PWO WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO COMPLETE ALL PAPER WORK REQUIRED FOR SALE IN COOPERATION WITH USAID (LAOS) KRANKER, AND LATTER FOLLOWING UP.

3. WE ALSO INFORMED COL. NARON THAT LETTER SENT TO PM AND SOLICITED HIS ASSISTANCE TO EXPEDITE NECESSARY APPROVAL. NARONG STATED HE WAS AWARE FROM HIS OWN REPORTS OF DETERIORATING RICE SITUATION IN LAOS AND APPEARED SYMPATHETIC.

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4. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR, PRIME MINISTER THANOM SHOWED

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ANNOYANCE THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SALE OF RICE TO LAOS, WHICH HE SAID HE HAD ALREADY APPROVED, HAD NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED. (PRIMIN WAS PROBABLY NOT AWARE OF NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ACTION BY HIM TO WAIVE EXPORT PREMIUM.) EMBASSY CONVINCED PM WILL APPROVE SALE AND THUS REMOVE LAST OBSTACLE TO EXPORT OF FIRST 4,000 TONS OUT OF 12,000 TONS AUTHORIZED BY CABINED. DESPITE OUR EFFORTS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PWO WILL NOT RECEIVE THE AUTHORITY IT HAS BEEN AWAITING UNTIL FIRST OF NEXT WEEK, BUT MEANWHILE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SALE ARE GOING AHEAD.
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